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SUBJECT: IFAD - PREPARATION FOR PREPCOM MEETING

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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL HANDLING IFAD MATTERS, DIETER FRISCH, TELLS MISSION OFFICER THAT EC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT MATTERS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY ON SEPTEMBER 9 US PROPOSAL PER REF B. THE GROUP DECIDED TO AWAIT RESULTS OF DAC DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE UNDERTAKING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. AFTER THE EC MEETING FRISCH WAS INFORMED THAT DAC HAD AGREED TO CAUCUS IN ROME ON SEPTEMBER 27 BEFORE THE PREPCOM MEETING. FRISCH SAYS MOST OF THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS MEETING.

2. REGARDING US DESIRE TO AVOID POSSIBLE PREPCOM NEGOTIATIONS OF IFAD FUNDING TARGET, FRISCH NOTES THAT THE PREPCOM WILL REVIEW CURRENT PLEDGES TO IFAD. CONSEQUENTLY PREPCOM DISCUSSIONS WILL UNAVOIDABLY GET INTO FINANCIAL ISSUES. FRISCH SAYS THE EC WILL

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SUPPORT THE US IN RESISTING ANY EFFORTS AT THE PREPCOM

TO NEGOTIATE A POSSIBLE FALLBACK POSITION FOR THE
\$1 BILLION TARGET FIGURE.

3. FRISCH PERSONALLY BELIEVES THAT "ROUGH PARITY"
MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS A \$450 MILLION CONTRIBUTION
BY OPEC AND \$550 MILLION BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES. HE NOTES POSSIBLE INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS
BY NORWAY, SWEDEN, THE UK AND ENMARK HAVE ALREADY
ADVANCED THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' SHARE TOWARD
\$550 MILLION. FRISCH CONCEDES THAT, OF COURSE, THE
REAL PROBLEM IS FOR THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO INCREASE
THEIR SHARE BY AT LEAST \$50 MILLION.

4. THE MISSION OFFICER DID NOT COMMENT ON FRISCH'S
IDEA OF "ROUGH PARITY". INSTEAD, HE SUGGESTED FRISCH
MIGHT DISCUSS THIS WITH JOSEPH WINDER, STATE/EB/IFD/ODF,
WHEN THE TWO OF THEM WOULD LIKELY BE ATTENDING THE
CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING IN PARIS, SHOULD
THIS MEETING TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. HINTON

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